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NEW BOOKS

- ANTIN, M. *They who knock at our gates.* (Boston: Houghton Mifflin. 1914. Pp. 11, 142. \$1.)
- BLASCHKO, A. *Geburtenrückgang und Geschlechtskrankheiten.* (Leipzig: Barth. 1914. 0.80 M.)
- CROMWELL, J. W. *The negro in American history; men and women eminent in the evolution of the American of African descent.* (Washington: American Negro Academy. 1914. Pp. 284. \$1.25.)
- DARMSTAEDTER, P. *Geschichte der Aufteilung und Kolonisation Afrikas seit dem Zeitalter der Entdeckungen, 1415-1870.* (Berlin: G. J. Göschen. 7.50 M.)
- DRYSDALE, C. V. *The small family system.* (New York: Huebsch. 1914. Pp. 119. \$1.)
- FORBERGER, J. *Geburtenrückgang und Konfession.* (Berlin: Saeemann-Verlag. 1914. Pp. 72. 1 M.)
- FROST, J. *Die innere Kolonisation in den Skandinavischen Ländern.* (Berlin: Parey. 1914. Pp. 77. 2 M.)
- ISCHCHANIAN, B. *Die ausländischen Elemente in der russischen Volkswirtschaft.* (Berlin: Siemenroth. 1913. Pp. xviii, 300. 7 M.)
- SALEEBY, C. W. *The progress of eugenics.* (London: Cassell. 1914. 5s.)
- WAETJEN, H. *Das Judentum und die Anfänge der modernen Kolonisation. Kritische Bemerkungen zu Werner Sombarts "Die Juden und das Wirtschaftsleben."* (Stuttgart: Kohlhammer. 1914. Pp. 72. 1.50 M.)
- Medico-actuarial mortality investigation.* Three volumes. (New York: Association of Life Assurance Medical Directors and the Actuarial Society of America. 1914. Pp. 131; 139; 219.)
- Résultats statistiques du recensement général de la population effectué le 5 mars 1911.* (Paris: Imprimerie Nationale. 1914.)
- Die Grundstücks-Aufnahme vom 15. Oktober 1910 sowie die Wohnungs- und die Bevölkerungs-Aufnahme vom 1. Dezember 1910 in der Stadt Berlin und 44 Nachbargemeinden. I. Stadt Berlin.* (Berlin: Puttkammer & Mühlbrecht. 1913. Pp. 94. 5 M.)

Social Problems and Reforms

- Housing Problems in America. Proceedings of the Second National Conference on Housing, Philadelphia, December, 1912.* (Cambridge: The University Press. 1913. Pp. xiii, 384.)
- Housing and Town Planning.* The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, vol. LI. (Philadelphia: January, 1914. Pp. vi, 296.)

Since its first congress in 1911, the National Housing Association has wisely extended its interests beyond housing legislation and enforcement. The report of the second congress includes addresses on rural and industrial housing, on types of small houses, and the means of financing their construction. The papers are in almost every case written by persons professionally interested in housing reform, and are essentially practical in character. The only intensive study or material contribution to the literature of the subject of housing is the article by Lawrence Veiller on "Room overcrowding and the lodger evil," which includes a table showing the nature of overcrowding and the public regulations and administrative methods for control of this evil in fifty American cities of 100,000 population or over. Mr. Veiller offers important suggestions for the improvement of municipal policies for repression of overcrowding.

The Housing and Town Planning number of the *Annals* was edited by Dr. Carol Aronovici. It contains thirty-six papers, of which thirteen are classified under Town Planning. To some extent this issue may be regarded as the organ of a radical group of younger housing reformers who have found the meetings of the National Housing Association too largely concerned with tenement-house regulations and with the "pathological aspect of housing." The collection of papers is comprehensive and the subjects well chosen, though the subjects of lodging houses, municipal housing, garden cities, and European experiments in housing betterments are not specifically treated. Emphasis upon the small house and upon the importance of land taxation (not touched by the National Housing Association) is continuous. The following papers stand out as important: "Cost factors in housing reform," by Carol Aronovici (a well-considered analysis); "The taxation of real estate values and its effect on housing," by Delos F. Wilcox; "Copartnership for housing in America," by Arthur C. Comey; "The town planning movement in America," by Frederick Law Olmstead (historical); "Planning for distribution of industries," by E. H. Bennett; "City-planning legislation (in America)," by Flavel Shurtleff; and "Financing a city plan," by Nelson P. Lewis.

A common criticism may be levied against the *Proceedings* and the *Annals*. Both tend to add to the already large literature of unsubstantiated generalizations.

Papers from four to eight pages in length consist chiefly in in-

roduction, intermediary platitudes, and conclusion. The unsupported reasoning of these articles is frequently suggestive and of some immediate usefulness to the housing reform. Larger results would, however, be achieved if the National Housing Association or the American Academy of Political and Social Science would devote equal effort to the promotion and publication of careful, intensive, comparative, local studies of the causes of the housing problem, and the means of their removal.

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NEW BOOKS

- BEST, H. *The deaf, their position in society and the provision for their education in the United States.* (New York: Crowell. 1914.)
- BLAIKLOCK, G. *The alcohol factor in social conditions.* (London: King. 1914. 3s.)
- BUSCHING and others. *Die Wohnungsfrage in Deutschland.* (Dresden: Kühnemann. 1914. 5 M.)
- BUSSER, R. C. *The German system of industrial schooling.* (Philadelphia: Public Education Association. 1913. Pp. 63.)
- CLOW, W. M. *Christ in the social order.* (New York: Doran. 1914. Pp. 12, 295. \$1.25.)
- CUBBERLY, E. P. *Rural life and education; a study of the rural-school problem as a phase of the rural-life problem.* (Boston: Houghton Mifflin. 1914. Pp. xiv, 367. \$1.50.)
- ELLIOTT, A. W. *The cause of the social evil and the remedy.* (Atlanta, Ga.: Webb & Vary Co. 1914. Pp. 144. \$1.)
- GARDINER, E. J. *The fiftieth birthday of a model institute, 1864-1914 [Wisbech Working Men's Club].* (Wisbech, Eng.: The author. 1914. Pp. 127. 2s.)
- GAROFALO, R. *Criminology.* Translated by E. R. STEVENS. (Boston: Little, Brown. 1914.)
- GETTELL, R. G. *Problems in political evolution.* (London: Ginn. 1914.)
- HAMILTON, W. B. *A social survey of Austin, Texas.* Humanistic series, no. 15. (Austin: University of Texas. 1913. Pp. x, 89, xix.)

Some cause not arising from economic or geographic necessity must underlie the prevalence in a town like Austin of the conditions commonly looked for in the slums of large and crowded cities.

On the banks of one of its open sewers were counted seven wells within 25 feet of the bank, 122 mosquito-infested privy vaults, overhanging or within six feet, a house on stilts where fruit is